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Title: VIDEO ENCODING METHOD AND APPARATUS,

VIDEO DECODING METHOD AND APPARATUS, PROGRAMS THEREFOR, AND STORAGE MEDIA FOR

STORING THE PROGRAMS

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In supplemental response to the Office Action mailed <u>April 26, 2010</u>, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below. This Supplemental Amendment is intended to replace the Amendment filed July 21, 2010.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.